

# Shelby County Board of Commissioners Application For Appointment to Elected Office

## Applicant

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First Name	Kenneth
Last Name	Whalum
Office Address	10000 Woodland Hills Drive
City	Cordova
State	Tennessee
Zip	380-8
Office Phone	9014547777
Facsimile	9014544990
Email Address	<u>kwhalum@comcast.net</u>
Home Address	
Street Number	1081
Street Name	Wedgewood
Street Type	Street
Apt #	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Memphis
State	Tennessee
Zip	38111
Home Phone	9017630616
Cellular Phone	9012626909

## Professional Background & Experience

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1. Indicate your Present Employment. What is the Principal business of the business? **Pastor of The New Olivet Worship Center**

2. List your prior professional or business employment since completion of high school and lasting more than twelve months with dates and names of employers. **30 years as a Pastor**

3. Describe any experience not stated above that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission. **2 terms as Memphis City Schools Commissioner; 1 term as SCS Commissioner**

## Personal Information

4. How long have you lived continuously in Shelby County? **62 years**

5. State the county in which you are registered to vote. **Shelby**

6. List all states in which you have lived in the past 20 years and the dates you lived in each state, including all periods in which you resided in a state more than 50% of the time for a period of at least 12 months. **Tennessee**

7. State your age, date and place of birth. **62, 11/27/56, Memphis**

8. a) Drivers License No. **TDL43942794**

b) Election Commission *Field not completed.*  
Voter Registration No.

**9. Family Status**

a) State the full name and present address of your spouse. Sheila Whalum 1081 Wedgewood Street memphis 38111

b) State your spouse's occupation and place of employment. Retired

c) If you have children, state their name(s), age(s), address(es) and present occupation(s). Kenneth III 35 NYC Kortland 34 Memphis Kameron 29  
Memphis

**10. Military Service**

a) Branch of Service *Field not completed.*

b) Service Number *Field not completed.*

c) Dates of active duty *Field not completed.*

d) Rank/rate at separation *Field not completed.*

e) Decorations, honors, or achievements *Field not completed.*

f) Was your discharge *Field not completed.* If other than honorable? If so, explain.

11. a) Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? No

12. To your knowledge, No are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible

violation of a criminal statute? If so, give details.

13. Have you ever been interviewed by any federal, state or local law enforcement agency for any reason other than minor traffic violation? If so, give details.

14. If you have been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by a court, administrative agency, disciplinary committee, or other professional group, give details.

15. Has within the last five years, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities or creditors? If so, give details.

16. a) Are you currently a party in any legal proceedings?

17. a) Are you now an officer or director of any business organization, or are you otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

c) Do you consider continuation of such

No

*Field not completed.*

No

No

*Field not completed.*

business involvement to be a conflict of interest?

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18. If your income is not wholly derived from your present employment as noted in #1 above, specify in detail the other sources of your income and the approximate percentage of your total income each source represents.

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*Field not completed.*

19. List all organizations to which you have belonged within the last ten years, including professional associations, civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

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*Field not completed.*

20. a) Have you within the past ten years belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion or gender? Do not include in your answer those organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues.

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No

b) If so, list such organizations and

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*Field not completed.*

describe the basis of the membership limitation.

c) If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

*Field not completed.*

## **Education**

21. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded and major.

Morehouse College class of 1978 Temple University School Of Law class of 1981 Memphis Theological Seminary

## **Achievements**

22. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation or college which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

*Field not completed.*

23. List presentations you have made to groups and organizations within the past five years.

*Field not completed.*

24. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the

*Field not completed.*

position was elective or appointive.

25. Describe any experience you have had with legislative or executive branches of government other than as an elected or appointed official.

*Field not completed.*

26. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance to the Commission in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this elected position. (150 words or less).

*Field not completed.*

27. Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for appointment to the office of

Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.

, and if appointed by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, agree to serve that office.

In the event any material changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended application with the Board of Commissioners for distribution to the commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and that the Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for

appointment and the names of those persons the Commission considers for the vacancy in question.

Printed Name                    Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.

Date \*                        2/6/2019

### Authorization for Release of Information

I,                                Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.

, do hereby authorize the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and any and all agents or persons authorized by it, to conduct a full review and disclosure of all records concerning myself, whether said records are public, private, or confidential in nature. The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of records of all criminal charges, with the exception of minor traffic offenses, whether disposed of or pending, and any outstanding warrants in accordance with Rule 34 or the Shelby County Board of Commissioners' Permanent Rules of Order.

I also certify that any persons who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information, and I do hereby release said persons from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further specifically release the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and/or the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from any and all liability which might otherwise be incurred as a result of collecting or receiving such information.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this Authorization for Release of Information.

Print Full Name of                    Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.  
Applicant (include  
maiden)

Address                        1081 Wedgewood Street Memphis, TN 38111

Phone                        9012726909

Date of Birth \*                11/27/1956

Drivers License #                TDL43942794

Date \*                        2/6/2019



## ***An Ambassador for Christ:***

**Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr., M. Div., JD.**  
**Pastor, The New Olivet Worship Center**

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr. is known in the Memphis community as a bold, no-nonsense Pastor, who “keeps it real,” in and out of the pulpit. As Pastor of The New Olivet Worship Center, he demonstrates a heart for the youth of our city, drawing the forgotten back to Christ, and setting the record straight when injustice takes center stage. His passion and drive to see a better Memphis is evident and recognized by the news media, who have referred to him as “a commanding presence, difficult to compete with” on the public stage.

Operating under the moniker of the Preeminent Church for the Teaching of True Worship, Dr. Whalum and his congregation have been engaging in True Worship (*proskuneo*’, **GRK**), the acts of worship (lying prostrate, bowing, kneeling, blowing kisses to God) since the turn of this century. He has developed the *7 Steps to Winning With Worship*©, a strategy that places Christians in a position to benefit in their everyday life through obeisance. His teaching of true worship uplifts the spirit, confirms the righteousness of Christ for believers, and shows the power of his *gravitas* to others. *The Memphis Flyer* described his works in the pulpit as “eloquent and vigorous.”

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr. is personally accomplished; an author of two books, *FASTING: It's Not For Everybody, But It Might Be For You!* and the game changing, *Hip-Hop Is NOT Our Enemy*; a graduate of Morehouse College (BA), Temple University (J.D.) and Memphis Theological Seminary (M.Div.). The Memphis *Commercial Appeal* newspaper stated, “Underestimate Whalum at your own risk.” A strong advocate for marriage and family, he and his wife Sheila have been married for thirty-six years. He has three sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

At The New Olivet, Dr. Whalum models a 12-plan ministry of operations, a vision of economic empowerment, leading the way with Bust-A-Move-Monday!® (B-A-M-M!®), and an atmosphere where members, through the Ministry of H.E.L.P.S. (Having Enough Loving People Serving), look for ways to serve and effect change in the world. Politically active, the Whalums were called the “Betty Crocker, Good Housekeeping seal of approval” by 9<sup>th</sup> District, Congressman Cohen.

A life-long Memphian, Dr. Whalum’s activism spans decades, most recently serving on the City of Memphis School Board for two terms. In describing the work of Dr. Whalum, a local political analyst called him “an iconoclast who has continued his independent ways” in representing the downtrodden and dispossessed of the city. In honoring him at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference MLK Day event, City Mayor Wharton called Whalum “the conscience of our community.”

God has given his messages an enlarged territory and he may be heard streaming *live* on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday nights by logging in to Facebook and going to **Kenneth T Whalum Jr.** He shares the truth of worship with purpose, focus, and power.

January 15, 2019

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

**SUBJECT: Recommendation of Reverend, Dr., Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr. to School Board Seat**

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Dr. Whalum. It is with great conviction that I recommend him to fill this seat by appointment for the Shelby County School Board. His prior experience in being on the school board makes him a valued asset in that he understands the operation and role of the School Board. Dr. Whalum is active in the community and is involved in outreaches to uplift and aid our community. He is a positive role model for children and adults.

He is recommended because he is an ethical person, and values and supports children. He wants the best for the children of Shelby County Schools. His legal and juris doctorate knowledge makes him an asset in dealing with and understanding legal matters and concerns of the district. I further recommend him because he is a product of public schools in Memphis. His children have all attended public schools. He has a history and vested interest in the success of the district and doing the best to move education and the academic success of students forward, having them be able to compete in the workplace globally.

I sincerely hope you consider him for this position. Invest in him, and you and the children of Memphis will be glad you did.

See his attached bio.

Respectfully,

Sarah Kennedy-Harper

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